

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to read as follows.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-22. (canceled)

Claim 23. (Previously presented) The method of claim 53, wherein the step of providing a herbicide in a reservoir compromises providing an oil based herbicide.

Claim 24. (Previously presented) The method of claim 53, further including the step of securing said herbicide or pesticide compound in said reservoir with safety cover means, wherein the step of securing includes placing said cover means on said reservoir and rotating said cover means past a predetermined stop to block reverse rotation of said cover means.

Claim 25. (Previously presented) The method of claim 53, further including the status of opening said cover means by applying force to a portion of said cover means to enable forward rotation of said cover means to release it from the reservoir.

Claim 26. (canceled)

Claim 27. (Currently amended) The method of claim 53, further comprising the step of removing from the applicator an overcap which selectively covers the brush applicator.

Claim 28. (Previously presented) The method of claim 53, further including the step of securing said herbicide or pesticide compound in said reservoir with safety cover means, wherein the step of securing, includes placing said cover means on said reservoir and rotating said cover means past a predetermined stop to block reverse rotation of said cover means.

Claim 29. (Currently amended) The method of claim 28, further including the step of opening said cover means by applying force to a portion of said cover means to enable ~~positive~~ forward rotation of said cover means to release it from the reservoir.

Claims 30-52. (canceled)

Claim 53. (Currently amended). A method for eliminating unwanted vegetation growth when a herbicide is used or for eliminating or controlling crawling pests such as insects when a pesticide is used, comprising the steps of: (a) providing a compound comprising a herbicide or pesticide compound in a reservoir and providing a regulatable valve on the reservoir, the regulatable valve having a first valve element and a second valve element rotatable relative to the first valve element, the second valve element having a brush mounted thereon; (b) selectively delivering the herbicide or pesticide compound from the reservoir to the brush; (c) directly contacting a surface with the brush; and (d) regulating the flow of said herbicide or pesticide delivered by said brush applicator to the surface by varying ~~[at least one of the internal pressure of the reservoir and]~~ the position of a regulatable valve by applying a force to move a the second valve element from a first position to a second position, the second position being one of a plurality of a range of positions which permits flow communication from said reservoir to said brush, and releasing the force being applied to allow the valve element to be maintained in said second position, wherein the step of directly contacting a surface comprises contacting unwanted vegetation when a herbicide is provided in the reservoir, and wherein the step of directly contacting a surface comprises contacting a surface which crawling pests can cross when a pesticide is provided in the reservoir, and wherein the movement of said second valve element relative to said first valve element includes movement of a sealing member therealong with which maintains engagement with said first valve element during said movement.